

2005 Report of Accomplishments

Pierce Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 – Summary

- 20+ Wildlife Habitat enhancement projects completed as partners or sponsors
- Strengthened new programs funded under Pierce County Conservation Assessment
- Acquired 100 acre demonstration farm
- Pursued public/private partnerships to achieve environmental improvement goals
- Funded nine non-profit agencies for conservation work within the City of Tacoma



The Pierce Conservation District acquired a 100 acre former dairy farm to be used for demonstration purposes

Mission of the Pierce Conservation District

- *The Pierce Conservation District is a legal sub-entity of State Government mandated by RCW 89.08 to develop and administer voluntary, non-regulatory programs. The District promotes “on the ground” conservation and long-term sustainability of natural resources through action oriented leadership, partnership, stewardship, and education with the citizens, organizations and governments which have a stake in Pierce County for future generations.*

Water Quality Implementation

- *Worked with 4 cooperators to install 16 farm non-point pollution prevention BMP's*
- *Provided Technical assistance on the South Prairie Creek Restoration Project, which will restore approximately 40 acres of riparian forest habitat.*

Basic Funding

- *The Pierce Conservation District used basic funding in 2004 to cover basic administrative costs, furthering our program of voluntary land management practices throughout Pierce County*

Local Funding

- *Managed RCW 89.08.400 Conservation Assessment totaling approximately \$1.2 million through Pierce County Council.*
- *Began Countywide farm assistance program, including funding for 11 farm plans, and action to create economic development plan for Pierce County agriculture.*
- *Provided assistance to various citizen groups through Pierce County Stream Team to plan and implement dozens of watershed protection activities.*

Puget Sound/Water Quality

- *Wrote 2 farm plans, and assisted in the implementation of 17 BMP's for water quality.*
- *Provided Technical assistance on the Ohop Creek and South Prairie Creek Restoration Projects, both are projects of regional importance as recognized by local Lead Entities.*

Professional Engineering

- *Engineering work was done on the Slide/Straight Creek Forest Road Decommissioning Project (Primary partner: U.S. Forest Service) and the Ehli Creek Barrier Removal (Primary partner: Department of Natural Resources).*

- *Farm Conservation practices were engineered for non-point pollution reduction in Muck Creek, tributary to the Nisqually River.*

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- *Managed two CREP plantings in Gig Harbor and Nisqually Watersheds.*

Dairy

- *Assisted nine Pierce County dairies with compliance with Dairy Nutrient Management Act.*

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *Purchased the former Inglin Dairy, and began restoration efforts for 40 acres of floodplain riparian forest habitat.*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Worked with Puyallup River Watershed Council, Nisqually River Council, Chambers/Clover Creek Watershed Council, and Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Watershed Council to prioritize and plan habitat restoration and protection projects and programs*

Information & Education

- *Continued Pierce County Stream Team, offering volunteer coordination of projects involving 300+ local volunteers.*
- *Assisted in formation of one local watershed protection group.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting
land managers with their conservation choices

